

conductors, fiber optics, light conductors and/or electromagnetic radiation.

101. Voting apparatus comprising:

means for initiating a voting session;

means for providing an identifier for the voting session;

means for creating a voting record including the voting session identifier and voting selections made during the voting session;

means for storing the voting record including the voting session identifier and the voting selections in a memory; and

means for storing the voting record including the voting session identifier and the voting selections in a tangible medium separate from the memory;

wherein said means for providing and said means for creating are embodied in a set of machine readable instructions for a computer, and wherein both of said means for storing are responsive to the set of machine readable instructions for a computer.

102. The voting apparatus of claim 100 wherein the set of machine readable computer instructions are transmitted to the computer over a transmission medium including electrical conductors, fiber optics, light conductors and/or electromagnetic radiation.

REMARKS

Claims 1-102 are pending in the captioned Application in which claims 79-102 are newly added hereby.

The Drawing is amended at Figure 2A to delete two occurrences of two phrases serving as designators and the specification is amended (paragraph starting at page 27, line 6) to recite the content of the deleted designators in the specification. Figure 2A so amended is consistent with the formal drawing submitted April 10, 2002, which inadvertently omitted the designators now deleted. A copy of Figure 2A with the deletion marked in red is enclosed.

Claim 2 is amended to recite "a Braille device" for which support is found at page 15, lines 10-15.

Claims 44 and 74 are amended to remove an inapt phrase without changing the

breadth and/or scope thereof and not for purposes of patentability. This amendment does not narrow the scope of any claim element or limitation and so is not limiting of any claim element or limitation, and Applicant reserves the right to the benefit of the doctrine of equivalents with respect thereto.

A copy of the specification paragraphs as amended and/or of the claims as amended marked to show the amendments thereto are submitted in the Appendix at the end hereof.

Newly Added Claims 79-102:

Support for newly added claim 79 is set forth, for example, in the specification at page 15, lines 1-15, at page 27, lines 7-18 and in claims 3 and 23.

Support for newly added claims 80-81 is found, for example, in the specification at page 16, line 29 to page 17, line 11, and in claims 60 and 66.

Support for newly added claim 82 is found, for example, in Figures 1A-1B and 4C-4D, in the specification at page 11, lines 7-20, at page 28, lines 14-22 and at page 28, line 28 to page 29, line 10, and in claims 24, 29, and 30.

Support for newly added claims 83-86 is found, for example, in Figure 2, in the specification at page 8, line 23 to page 9, line 2, at page 10, lines 6-17, page 15, lines 1-7, page 27, lines 6-21, and in claims 15, 16, 17, 22 and 43.

Support for newly added claims 87-89 is found, for example, in Figures 2 and 2A, in the specification at page 8, line 23 to page 9, line 2, at page 10, lines 6-17, at page 15, lines 1-15, at page 18, lines 21-31, at page 34, line 17 to page 35, line 7, and in claims 1 and 22.

Support for newly added claims 90-92 is found, for example, in Figures 2-2A, in the specification at page 17, lines 17-24, at page 34, lines 17-26, and in claim 22.

Support for newly added claims 93-96 is found, for example, in Figures 2-2A, in the specification at page 21, lines 10-30, and in claims 22 and 44.

Support for newly added claims 97-99 is found, for example, in the specification at page 22, line 23 to page 23, line 13.

Support for newly added claims 100-102 is found, for example, in Figures 1A-1B, in the specification at page 29, line 18 to page 30, line 6, and in claims 44 and 74.

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Formal Drawing:

Applicants request acknowledgment in the next paper of the acceptance of the formal drawing filed April 9, 2002.


Conclusion:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$552. in payment of the fee for increasing the number of independent claims by 8 and the total number of claims by 24 in this timely-filled response. Should any other or additional fee be due in consequence of this response, please charge such fee and deposit any refund to Deposit Account 04-1406.

Applicant respectfully requests that the objections and rejections be withdrawn, and that the Application including claims 1-88 be examined and allowed.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if there is any question or if prosecution of this Application could be furthered by telephone.

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APPENDIX

SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS MARKED TO SHOW AMENDMENT(S) THERETO:

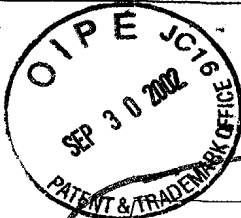
Paragraph starting at page 27, line 6:

The tangible receipt device provides 140 a tangible receipt such as a printed receipt. The smart card reader/writer erases personal data, if any, stored on the voter's smart card and encodes 152 the voters selections 134 and voting session identifier on the card memory for future use, such as for electronic recounts. The smart card is collected [154 ,] 154, either automatically by the card reader/writer or by the voter depositing the smart card into a secure collection box. The voting machine memory as well as both the printed receipt and the encoded information stored in the smart card include the same voting session identifier which is a serial number as issued by the voting machine or a randomly generated unique identifying serial number generated from a defined set that is associated with the particular voting record if absolute privacy is preferred. The voting session identifier or serial number may include identification of state, county, precinct, or other appropriate political subdivision (e.g., the "08-012-035-02" identifying a polling location illustrated), along with the random portion of the session identifier or serial number assigned to assure privacy (e.g., the "XXXXXXXXXX" and the "YYYYYYYYYY" randomly generated numbers illustrated), such as is illustrated in FIGURE 2A. The time and/or date of voting may also be optionally recorded on the printed receipt and in the voting record stored in the voting machine, the smart card, or both, for future inspection and/or verification.

AMENDED CLAIMS MARKED TO SHOW AMENDMENT(S) THERETO:

2. (Amended) The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein said display includes one of a cathode ray tube, a computer display, an LCD display, a display screen, a touch screen display, a Braille device, an aural device, and illuminated buttons.
44. (Amended) A method for voting comprising:
 - initiating a voting session;
 - providing an identifier for the voting session;
 - creating a voting record including the voting session identifier and voting selections made [by the voter] during the voting session;
 - storing the voting record including the voting session identifier and the voting selections in a memory; and
 - storing the voting record including the voting session identifier and the voting selections in a tangible medium separate from the memory.
74. (Amended) A storage medium encoded with machine-readable computer instructions for conducting a voting session comprising:

means for causing a computer to initiate the voting session;
means for causing the computer to provide an identifier for the voting session;
means for causing the computer to create a voting record including the voting session identifier and voting selections made [by the voter] during the voting session;
means for causing the computer to store the voting record including the voting session identifier and the voting selections in a memory; and
means for causing the computer to store the voting record including the voting session identifier and the voting selections in a tangible medium separate from the memory.



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Polling Location Identifier

Randomly Generated Number
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08-012-035-02-XXXXXXXXXX	
15:30 @November 7, 2000	
George W. BUSH	President
Dick Cheney	/Vice President
Bob FRANKS	US Senator
Christopher H. SMITH	House of Representative
Cathay "D" Di COSTANZO	County Clerk
Chris CHIANESE	Board of Chosen Freeholders
Shirley GUERIERI	Board of Chosen Freeholders
Keith CROWELL	Board of Chosen Freeholders
Yes	Public Question No.1
Yes	Public Question No.2
Yes	Public Question No.3

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Al GORE	President
Joe Lieberman	/Vice President
Jon S. CORZINE	US Senator
Reed GUSCIORA	House of Representative
Kathleen Culliton WOLLERT	County Clerk
Ann CANNON	Board of Chosen Freeholders
Brian M. HUGHES	Board of Chosen Freeholders
Elizabeth Maher MUOIO	Board of Chosen Freeholders
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Yes	Public Question No. 2
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FIG. 2A.

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